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I. Opening of the session

(Agenda item 1)

1. The fifth part of the second session of the Ad Hoc Working Group on the Durban Platform for Enhanced Action (ADP) was held at the Maritim Hotel in Bonn, Germany, from 4 to 14 June 2014, in conjunction with the fortieth sessions of the Subsidiary Body for Implementation (SBI) and the Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice (SBSTA).[1]

2. The Co-Chairs of the ADP, Mr. Kishan Kumarsingh (Trinidad and Tobago) and Mr. Artur Runge-Metzger (European Union), resumed the second session and opened the 9th plenary meeting on 4 June. They welcomed all Parties and observers. They also welcomed Ms. Anna Serzysko (Poland) as Rapporteur of the ADP.[2]

3. The Co-Chairs recalled the decision adopted by Parties at the nineteenth session of the Conference of the Parties (COP) to accelerate the development of the 2015 agreement and activities under the workplan on enhancing mitigation ambition.[3] The Co-Chairs drew the delegates' attention to the contributions of Working Groups II[4] and III[5] to the Fifth Assessment Report of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change, which highlight the urgent need to take enhanced action to keep the global average temperature rise below 2/1.5 °C and to adapt to the adverse effects of climate change.

4. The Co-Chairs also recalled the core principles guiding the work of the ADP, namely that the process will continue to be Party-driven and to build on inputs from Parties, and that any outputs of the process will reflect inputs from Parties.

5. The Co-Chairs invited the Executive Secretary, Ms. Christiana Figueres, to provide delegates with an update regarding the organization of the additional session of the ADP,[6] to be held from 20 to 25 October 2014 in Bonn. The Executive Secretary informed Parties that the secretariat had secured a venue for the additional session, but that additional funding was necessary to enable the full participation of representatives from eligible Parties. In addition, she reminded Parties of the need to cover the costs associated with providing substantive support to the ADP in the light of the decision by Parties not to include these costs in the core budget.

6. Statements were made by representatives of 15 Parties, including on behalf of the Group of 77 and China, the European Union and its member States, the Umbrella Group, the Environmental Integrity Group, the African States, the Alliance of Small Island States, the least developed countries, the Like-minded Developing Countries, the Bolivarian Alliance for the Peoples of Our America – Peoples' Trade Treaty, the League of Arab States, the BASIC (Brazil, China, India and South Africa) countries, the Coalition for

[1] The report on the first and second parts of the second session of the ADP is contained in document FCCC/ADP/2013/2; the reports on the third and fourth parts of the second session are contained in documents FCCC/ADP/2013/3 and FCCC/ADP/2014/1, respectively.

[2] The Bureau of the ADP was elected in accordance with the arrangement set out in document FCCC/ADP/2012/2, paragraph 7, and endorsed by decision 2/CP.18. The ADP elected the current members of its Bureau at the second and third parts of its second session, as reflected in documents FCCC/ADP/2013/2, paragraph 6, and FCCC/ADP/2013/3, paragraph 5, respectively

[3] Decision 1/CP.19, paragraph 1.

[4] *Climate Change 2014: Impacts, Adaptation, and Vulnerability*. Available at <http://www.ipcc.ch/report/ar5/wg2>.

[5] *Climate Change 2014: Mitigation of Climate Change*. Available at <http://www.ipcc.ch/report/ar5/wg3>.

[6] FCCC/ADP/2013/3, paragraph 33.

Rainforest Nations, the Central American Integration System and the Independent Association for Latin America and the Caribbean. In addition, statements were made on behalf of business and industry non-governmental organizations (NGOs), environmental NGOs, farmers NGOs, indigenous peoples organizations, local government and municipal authorities, trade union NGOs, women and gender NGOs and youth NGOs.

II. Organizational matters

(Agenda item 2)

A. Adoption of the agenda

(Agenda item 2(b))

7. The agenda for the second session of the ADP was adopted by the ADP at the 1st meeting of the session, on 29 April 2013.[7]

B. Organization of the work of the session

(Agenda item 2(c))

8. At the 9th meeting, on 4 June, the Co-Chairs drew the delegates' attention to the scenario note prepared for the fifth part of the session,[8] and outlined the arrangements made in the light of the organization of work previously agreed by the ADP and of the mandates of the ADP, including those given at COP 19.[9] The organization of the work on agenda item 3 included a contact group, established at the fourth part of the session,[10] briefings on the work of the subsidiary bodies, technical expert meetings and related follow-up activities.

9. In addition, the Co-Chairs informed Parties of their intention to hold a special event with observers during the session. This event took place on 5 June.[11]

III. Implementation of all the elements of decision 1/CP.17

(Agenda item 3)

10. The ADP considered this item at its 9th meeting and at its 10th meeting, on 14 June. It had before it documents FCCC/ADP/2014/1, FCCC/TP/2014/3 and Add.1, FCCC/ADP/2014/L.2, FCCC/ADP/2014/CRP.1 and FCCC/ADP/2014/CRP.2 as well as the informal notes prepared for the fifth part of the session.[12]

11. At the 9th meeting, the Co-Chairs recalled the establishment of the contact group on item 3, referred to in paragraph 8 above, and its mandate to work in accordance with the agreed agenda, including the two ADP workstreams, and the established UNFCCC practice.

12. In the light of the mandates of the ADP, the Co-Chairs identified the core objectives of the work of the contact group at the fifth part of the session, namely:

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[7] FCCC/ADP/2013/2, paragraphs 8 and 9.

[8] Contained in document ADP.2014.4.InformalNote.

[9] Decision 1/CP.19.

[10] FCCC/ADP/2014/1, paragraph 19.

[11] See <http://unfccc4.meta-fusion.com/kongresse/cop19/templ/play.php?id_kongresssession=8017&theme=unfccc>.

[12] The informal notes are listed in annex II.

(a) To further elaborate the elements for a draft negotiating text of the 2015 agreement;

(b) To make significant progress towards identification of the information that Parties will provide when putting forward their intended nationally determined contributions;

(c) To advance the work on pre-2020 ambition through:

(i) Stimulating action on the ground in order to close the ambition gap;

(ii) Developing a common understanding of the options for making further progress on this work.

13. The Co-Chairs noted that, in advancing its work on the elaboration of the elements for a draft negotiating text, the ADP would continue to adhere to the common starting point that the 2015 agreement will be under the Convention and be guided by its principles, and that the work would cover all elements contained in decision 1/CP.17, paragraph 5.

14. At the same meeting, with a view to facilitating the work of the contact group on the elements for a draft negotiating text, the Co-Chairs drew the attention of delegates to the note containing their reflections on the fourth part of the second session of the ADP and to its annex, which presents a landscape of issues identified by Parties and summarizes the understanding of the Co-Chairs of the views expressed and submitted by Parties in the course of the negotiations.[13]

15. The Co-Chairs further noted that numerous activities relevant to the work of the ADP were to be held during the fifth part of the session, including two ministerial events, and encouraged delegates to take part in these activities.

16. In order to facilitate the work at the first meeting of the contact group, held on 5 June, the Co-Chairs made available to delegates a draft text on the intended nationally determined contributions of Parties in the context of the 2015 agreement.

17. Interested Parties were encouraged to refer to the UNFCCC website for contact details of relevant organizations and United Nations agencies in a position to provide support for the domestic preparations for intended nationally determined contributions, in response to decision 1/CP.19, paragraph 2(d).

18. At its subsequent meetings, the contact group, in its work under workstream 1,[14] focused on the elements identified in decision 1/CP.17, paragraph 5, the intended nationally determined contributions of Parties and other issues related to elements raised by Parties, including assessment, review and compliance and the structure of the 2015 agreement. In its work under workstream 2,[15] the contact group focused in particular on ways to recognize and encourage progress on pre-2020 ambition and to further strengthen the workplan on enhancing mitigation ambition.

19. In addition to the draft text referred to in paragraph 16 above, the Co-Chairs prepared in-session material to further facilitate the work of the contact group and made it available to delegates in advance of the meetings through the UNFCCC website.[16] Parties contributed actively to the work on agenda item 3, including through the submission of inputs to the meetings that reflected their views and proposals.[17]

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[13] Contained in document ADP.2014.3.InformalNote.

[14] Workstream 1 relates to matters referred to in decision 1/CP.17, paragraphs 2–6.

[15] Workstream 2 relates to matters referred to in decision 1/CP.17, paragraphs 7 and 8.

[16] The in-session material prepared by the Co-Chairs is available at <http://unfccc.int/8385.php>.

[17] The in-session material presented by Parties is available at <http://unfccc.int/8406.php>. Submissions from Parties are available at <http://unfccc.int/7398.php>.

20. An informal meeting was held on 12 June to take stock of progress made and to consider the possible way forward. This meeting included briefings by the Chair of the SBI, Mr. Amena Yauvoli (Fiji), the Chair of the SBSTA, Mr. Emmanuel Dumisani Dlamini (Swaziland), and the Co-Chair of the Board of the Green Climate Fund, Mr. Manfred Konukiewitz, to inform delegates on progress made on areas which are relevant for the work of the ADP.

21. In the context of accelerating activities under the workplan on enhancing mitigation ambition, as requested by the ADP,[18] the secretariat organized a forum on experiences and best practices of cities and subnational authorities in relation to adaptation and mitigation. The forum was held on 10 June and chaired by Ms. Aisa Kirabo Kacyira, Deputy Executive Director of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme. During the forum, Parties shared experiences and best practices of cities and subnational authorities in identifying and implementing opportunities to mitigate greenhouse gas emissions and adapt to the adverse impacts of climate change, with a view to promoting the exchange of information and voluntary cooperation.[19]

22. In the context of the work of the ADP on the technical examination of opportunities for actions with high mitigation potential, including those with adaptation and sustainable development co-benefits, as called for in decision 1/CP.19, paragraph 5(a), the following meetings took place during the fifth part of the session:

(a) Technical expert meeting on the urban environment, facilitated by Mr. Brian Kilkelly (World Cities Network), held on 10 June;[20]

(b) Technical expert meeting on land use, facilitated by Mr. Tony Simons (International Centre for Research in Agroforestry), held on 11 June.[21]

23. In addition, a meeting was held on 12 June to facilitate follow-up actions arising from the technical expert meetings held during the fourth part of the session on unlocking mitigation opportunities through renewable energy deployment[22] and energy efficiency improvements[23] in the pre-2020 period.

24. At the 10th meeting, the Co-Chairs noted that, during the session, the ADP had made significant progress, in particular on further elaborating the elements of the 2015 agreement, on identifying the information that Parties will provide when putting forward their intended nationally determined contributions, and on advancing the work on pre-2020 action. The Co-Chairs also noted that the ADP still needed to overcome a number of significant challenges.

25. The Co-Chairs noted the strong call to intensify negotiations on the basis of Parties' inputs and the request of Parties that the Co-Chairs assist them by providing a focus for the negotiations. In the light of the calls from Parties, the Co-Chairs undertook to facilitate preparations for the sixth part of the session by preparing the following documents:

(a) A note containing their reflections on the fifth part of the session;[24]

(b) A non-paper describing, in bullet-point format, Parties' views and proposals derived from statements, interventions, submissions and other inputs from Parties,

[18] FCCC/ADP/2013/3, paragraph 30(d), and decision 1/CP.19, paragraph 5(b).
[19] Additional information on the forum is available at <http://unfccc.int/8169.php>.
[20] See <http://unfccc.int/8170.php>.
[21] See <http://unfccc.int/8171.php>.
[22] See <http://unfccc.int/8112.php>.
[23] See<http://unfccc.int/8113.php>.
[24] Contained in document ADP.2014.5.InformalNote.

including conference room papers, on the elements for a draft negotiating text of the 2015 agreement;[25]

(c) A revised draft text on the intended nationally determined contributions of Parties in the context of the 2015 agreement;[26]

(d) A draft text on accelerating the implementation of enhanced pre-2020 climate action;[27]

(e) A scenario note for the sixth part of the session setting out a proposed organization of work.[28]

26. The Co-Chairs also announced their intention to hold technical expert meetings on action on non-CO_2 greenhouse gases, and on carbon capture, use and storage, at the sixth part of the second session of the ADP and to provide the necessary time to allow for appropriate follow-up actions on the areas that have been considered by the technical expert meetings in previous sessions.

27. At the same meeting, the Co-Chairs reminded delegates of the possibility for Parties and admitted observer organization to submit input to the ADP process in accordance with the invitation to provide information, views and proposals on the work of the ADP before each session.[29]

IV. Other matters

(Agenda item 4)

28. The ADP considered this agenda item at its 9th meeting. No other matters were raised.

V. Report on the fifth part of the second session

(Agenda item 5)

29. At its 10th meeting, the ADP considered and adopted the draft report on the fifth part of its second session.[30] At the same meeting, on a proposal by the Co-Chairs, the ADP authorized the Rapporteur to complete the report on the fifth part of the session, with the assistance of the secretariat and under the guidance of the Co-Chairs.

VI. Suspension of the session

30. At its 10th meeting, the ADP, on a proposal by the Co-Chairs, agreed to suspend its second session and resume it on 20 October 2014 in Bonn.

31. At the same meeting, the Co-Chairs of the ADP expressed their appreciation to Parties for their work and support and declared the second session of the ADP suspended.

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[25] Contained in document ADP.2014.6.NonPaper and Corr.1.
[26] Contained in document ADP.2014.7.DraftText.
[27] Contained in document ADP.2014.8.DraftText.
[28] To be issued.
[29] FCCC/ADP/2012/3, paragraph 22.
[30] Adopted as document FCCC/ADP/2014/L.2.

Annex I

Documents before the Ad Hoc Working Group on the Durban Platform for Enhanced Action at the fifth part of its second session

Documents prepared for the fifth part of the session

FCCC/TP/2014/3 and Add.1	Updated compilation of information on mitigation benefits of actions, initiatives and options to enhance mitigation ambition
FCCC/ADP/2014/L.2	Draft report of the Ad Hoc Working Group on the Durban Platform for Enhanced Action on the fifth part of its second session, held in Bonn from 4 to 15 June 2014
FCCC/ADP/2014/CRP.1	Submission from the Like-minded Developing Countries
FCCC/ADP/2014/CRP.2	Submission from the Like-minded Developing Countries

Other documents before the session

FCCC/CP/2013/10 and Add.1	Report of the Conference of the Parties on its nineteenth session, held in Warsaw from 11 to 23 November 2013
FCCC/CP/2012/8 and Add.1	Report of the Conference of the Parties on its eighteenth session, held in Doha from 26 November to 8 December 2012
FCCC/CP/2011/9 and Add.1 and 2	Report of the Conference of the Parties on its seventeenth session, held in Durban from 28 November to 11 December 2011
FCCC/ADP/2014/1	Report of the Ad Hoc Working Group on the Durban Platform for Enhanced Action on the fourth part of its second session, held in Bonn from 10 to 14 March 2014
FCCC/ADP/2013/3	Report of the Ad Hoc Working Group on the Durban Platform for Enhanced Action on the third part of its second session, held in Warsaw from 12 to 23 November 2013
FCCC/ADP/2013/2	Report of the Ad Hoc Working Group on the Durban Platform for Enhanced Action on the first and second parts of its second session, held in Bonn from 29 April to 3 May 2013 and from 4 to 13 June 2013

Annex II

Informal notes prepared for the Ad Hoc Working Group on the Durban Platform for Enhanced Action at the fifth part of its second session

ADP.2014.4.InformalNote	Scenario note on the fifth part of the second session of the Ad Hoc Working Group on the Durban Platform for Enhanced Action. Note by the Co-Chairs
ADP.2014.3.InformalNote	Reflections on progress made at the fourth part of the second session of the Ad Hoc Working Group on the Durban Platform for Enhanced Action. Note by the Co-Chairs